

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Volodymyr Zelenskyy, President of Ukraine.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9711–S10059

Measures Introduced: Twenty-five bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 5330–5354, S.J. Res. 70, and S. Res. 876–877.

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Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 3168, to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to modify the enforceability date for certain provisions. (S. Rept. No. 117–285)

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Measures Passed:

Justice for Victims of War Crimes Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 4240, to amend section 2441 of title 18, United States Code, to broaden the scope of individuals subject to prosecution for war crimes, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Durbin Amendment No. 6590, in the nature of a substitute.

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Martha Wright-Reed Just and Reasonable Communications Act: Senate passed S. 1541, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to ensure just and reasonable charges for telephone and advanced communications services in correctional and detention facilities, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Low Power Protection Act: Senate passed S. 3405, to require the Federal Communications Commission to issue a rule providing that certain low power television stations may be accorded primary status as Class A television licensees, after agreeing to the committee amendment.

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Agua Caliente Land Exchange Fee to Trust Confirmation Act: Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 897, to take certain lands in California into trust for the benefit of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, and the bill was then passed.

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Katimiin and Aameekyáaraam Sacred Lands Act: Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 4439, to take certain Federal land located in Siskiyou County, California, and Humboldt County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Karuk Tribe, and the bill was then passed.

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Great Dismal Swamp National Heritage Area Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1154, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain land as the Great Dismal Swamp National Heritage Area, and the bill was then passed.

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Private relief bill: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 680, for the relief of Arpita Kurdekar, Girish Kurdekar, and Vandana Kurdekar, and the bill was then passed.

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Partnership between the United States and the Dominican Republic: Senate agreed to S. Res. 472, reaffirming the partnership between the United States and the Dominican Republic and advancing opportunities to deepen diplomatic, economic, and security cooperation between the two nations, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Durbin (for Menendez) Amendment No. 6614, in the nature of a substitute.

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Printing authorization: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 82, authorizing the printing of a revised and updated version of the House document entitled “Black Americans in Congress, 1870–1989”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Coastal Zone Management Act 50th anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 876, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, commonly known as the “Coastal Zone Management Act”.

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Orbital Sustainability Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. 4814, to establish a demonstration program for the active remediation of orbital debris and to require the development of uniform orbital debris standard practices in order to support a safe and sustainable orbital environment, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Baldwin (for Hickenlooper) Amendment No. 6619, in the nature of a substitute.

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House Messages:

Performance Enhancement Reform Act: Senate continued consideration of the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate No. 4 to H.R. 2617, to amend section 1115 of title 31, United States Code, to amend the description of how performance goals are achieved, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate No. 4 to the bill, with Schumer (for Leahy) Amendment No. 6552, in the nature of a substitute.

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Schumer Amendment No. 6571 (to Amendment No. 6552), to add an effective date.

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Schumer motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, Schumer Amendment No. 6572, to add an effective date.

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Schumer Amendment No. 6573 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 6572) of the motion to refer), to modify the effective date.

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Schumer Amendment No. 6574 (to Amendment No. 6573), to modify the effective date.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate No. 4 to the bill, with Schumer (for Leahy) Amendment No. 6552 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the

Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, December 23, 2022.

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Certificate of Election for Senator Padilla: The Chair laid before the Senate the certificate of election of Senator Alex Padilla, of California, to fill the unexpired term ending at 12 noon, on January 3, 2023, created by the resignation of former Senator Kamala D. Harris, of California, and the oath of office was administered as required by the Constitution and prescribed by law.

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Escort Committee—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the President of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort His Excellency Volodymyr Zelenskyy, President of Ukraine, into the House Chamber for the Joint Meeting on Wednesday, December 21, 2022.

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Parker Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 8 a.m., on Thursday, December 22, 2022, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Franklin R. Parker, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and vote on confirmation of the nomination, as under the previous order of Tuesday, December 20, 2022.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 93 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. EX. 404), Lynne M. Tracy, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation.

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By 68 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. EX. 405), Agnes Schaefer, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

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Howard A. Van Vranken, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana.

Jainey Kumar Bavishi, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

Sara C. Bronin, of Connecticut, to be Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for a term expiring January 19, 2025.

L. Michelle Moore, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2026.

Robert P. Klein, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2026.

Beth Pritchard Geer, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2026.

Evelyn Wang, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy.

Alexis Taylor, of Iowa, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs.

Joey R. Hood, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia.

Sue Ellen Moore, of Washington, to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission for a term expiring May 13, 2023.

Andrew J. Read, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission for a term expiring May 13, 2025.

William J. Renick, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2027.

Adam Wade White, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2027.

Joe H. Ritch, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2025.

Richard L. Revesz, of New York, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

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Messages from the House: Page S9778

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Amendments Submitted: Pages S9782–S10058

Privileges of the Floor: Pages S10058–59

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—405) Pages S9718, S9756

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 21, 2022 and adjourned at 2:01 a.m. on Thursday, December 22, 2022, until 8 a.m. on the same day. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10059.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 9640–9669; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 105, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Page H9984

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 8770, to modify certain notice requirements, to study certain election requirements, to clarify certain election requirements, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–654, Part 1);

H.R. 3816, to provide that certain discriminatory conduct by covered platforms shall be unlawful, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 117–655);

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress. Recommendations to Foster Collaboration and Civility in Congress, to Modernize the Congressional Support Agencies, and to Encourage Evidence-Based Policymaking (H. Rept. 117–656);

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress. Recommendations to Strengthen Congressional

Oversight Capacity, Improve District Operations, Modernize Congressional Office Operations, Modernize the Legislative Process, and Examine Congressional Continuity (H. Rept. 117–657);

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress. Recommendations to Improve Constituent Engagement and Constituent Services, Bolster House Technology, and Support Congressional Operations (H. Rept. 117–658);

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress. Recommendations on Improving Congressional Operations, Pathways to Congressional Service, and the Future of Congressional Modernization (H. Rept. 117–659);

H. Res. 1529, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 9640) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for examination and disclosure with respect to Presidential income tax returns; providing for consideration of the bill (S. 1942) to standardize the designation of National Heritage Areas, and for other purposes; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–660); and